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Post-Mortem on NIE 43-2-57:

The Prospects of the Government of the Republic of China,

dated 27 August 1957

I. Findings

We have encountered several intelligence deficiencies in the preparation of this estimate which limit our ability to deal confidently with a number of important questions. These deficiencies pertain largely to intangible questions where, even though we have data available to us, we often do not feel confident that we are in a position to make firm estimates.

These deficiencies are:

- a. The long-run effect of Chinese Communist propaganda and the degree of Communist success, if any, in achieving some degree of receptivity among Nationalists on Taiwan.
- b. The extent, intensity, and significance of anti-Americanism, and the degree to which Nationalist officials believe they can control or use such sentiment.
- c. The attitudes and aspirations of the Taiwanese.
- d. The extent of frustration and despair and its effects on political stability.
- e. The power structure: political groupings; political loyalties, formal and informal; and the emergence of new leadership.

II. Action

It is requested that the appropriate IAC agencies take such action as they deem desirable with respect to these deficiencies.

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